

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (previously presented) A method for providing funding to an individual by an investor comprising:

communicating a request for funding for an individual to one or more potential investors;

associating said request for funding with a cost of a share, wherein a purchaser of said share receives an economic return comprising a percentage of said individual's income;

purchasing said share by at least one of said potential investors at a purchase price, wherein at least a portion of said purchase price is forwarded to said individual as funding.
2. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein offering said share for sale comprises auctioning said share, and wherein purchasing said share comprises submitting a highest purchase price.
3. (original) The method according to claim 2, wherein said highest purchase price comprises a monetary amount equal to at least said cost of said share.
4. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said purchase price comprises said cost of said share and a mentoring capability of said purchaser.
5. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said individual's income comprises individual's potential future income.
6. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said percentage is variable.
7. **Canceled.**
8. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said funding request comprises at least one of college tuition, forming a business, and/or developing an idea.

9. (original) The method for providing funding according to claim 1, wherein said funding request is associated with a plurality of shares, each said share being associated with a portion of said funding and a portion of said percentage of said individual's potential future income.
10. (original) The method for providing funding according to claim 1, wherein said funding request is associated with a plurality of shares, each said share being associated with an equal portion of said funding and an equal portion of said percentage of said individual's potential future income.
11. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said percentage is greater than 0 and less than about 50.
12. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said percentage is greater than 0 and less than about 25.
13. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said percentage is greater than 0 and less than about 10.
14. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said purchaser comprises a purchasing group comprising a plurality of individual purchasers.
15. (original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said percentage return is directed toward a second entity apart from said purchaser.
16. (original) The method according to claim 15, wherein said second entity is a charitable organization.
17. (original) The method according to claim 15, wherein said second entity is a non-profit organization.
- 18-29. **Canceled.**

30. (previously presented) Computer readable media including computer code comprising instructions for performing a method for providing funding to an individual by an investor, the method comprising:

communicating a request for funding for an individual to one or more potential investors;

associating said request for funding with a cost of a share, wherein a purchaser of said share receives an economic return comprising a percentage of said individual's income; and

purchasing said share by at least one of said potential investors at a purchase price, wherein said purchase price comprises said cost of said share, and wherein at least a portion of said purchase price is forwarded to said individual as funding.

31. **Canceled.**

32. (previously presented) A computer system comprising:

storage means for storing data; and

a web server hosting a website operable in performing a method for buying and selling a share in an individual, the method comprising:

communicating a request for finding for an individual to one or more potential investors;

associating said request for funding with a cost of a share, wherein a purchaser of said share receives an economic return comprising a percentage of said individual's income; and

purchasing said share by at least one of said potential investors at a purchase price, wherein said purchase price comprises said cost of said share, and wherein at least a portion of said purchase price is forwarded to said individual as funding.

- 33.-36. **Canceled.**